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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 which lists the references disclosed by Applicants during the prosecution of the predecessor application: USSN 08/848,439, filed May 8, 1997 and USSN 08/796,153 filed February 6, 1997, from which the present application claims priority. Copies of the references which were previously submitted with the parent applications are not being submitted herewith in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d). On the Examiner's request, Applicants will resubmit copies of any references cited in the above-identified parent applications.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- X (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and the requisite Certification or fee under Rule 1.17(p), namely \$200.00, is included herein; or

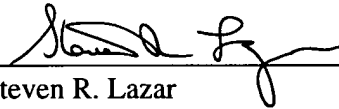
— (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, and the requisite Certification, petition, and petition fee are included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the documents shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

If any fee is due with regard to this paper, Applicants hereby authorize payment of such fee from Deposit Account No. 07-1060.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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